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PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of Public Sector Undertakings(PSUs) under his Ministry recently, particularly under the Department of Chemicals;

(b) if so, the details thereof, PSU-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the healthy growth of PSUs based on the aforesaid review?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS-(SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a)to (c): There are eight Central Public Sector Undertakings(CPSUs) under the administrative control of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, namely, Indian Petrochemicals Corp Ltd(IPCL),Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd(HOCL), Hindustan Insecticides Ltd(HIL), Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd(BCPL), Bengal Immunity Ltd(BIL), Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd(IDPL), Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd(HAL) and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd (SSPL).

Of these CPSUs, IPCL is the only profit making CPSU.The half- yearly performance of IPCL for the period ending 31.3.2001 was reviewed on 1.6.2001. The performance of the HOCL and HIL is reviewed every three months. The review for the quarter Jan-March,2001 and for the fiscal year 2000-01 was done on 29.5.2001.The remaining five Pharma CPSUs are sick and have been referred to the BIFR. The revival packages sanctioned for BIL, SSPL and IDPL have since been declared as failed by the BIFR.The revival package for BCPL is under implementation and that of HAL is under finalisation. The future of these Companies depends upon the final decision of the BIFR.

Under the Department of Fertilizers, there are nine PSUs, namely Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd (FACT); Paradeep Phosphates Ltd(PPL); Madras Fertilizers Ltd (MFL); Pyrites Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd(PPCL); Fertilizers Corporation of India Ltd (FCI); Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd

(HFC); Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd(RCF); National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL) and Projects & Development India Ltd(PDIL). Of these, HFC, FCI and PDIL were declared sick by the BIFR in 1992 and PPCL was declared sick in 2000.NFL and RCF are earning profits and PPL, MFL & FACT are incurring losses.

The performance of these PSUs, for the quarter ending March, 2001 and for the year 2000-01, was reviewed in May, 2001.

The Government , wherever considered necessary, has given advice and directions for initiating appropriate measures for healthy growth of the PSUs.